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## APPENDIX VI.

[Vide answer to Starred question No. 1364, asked by Sri R. Srinivasa Iyer on behalf of Sri A. Vedaratnam at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 23rd August 1961 page 644 supra.]

*A.*—(*a*) The grant of permits for stage carriages is governed by the provisions of Motor Vehicles Act. The High Court, while disposing of some writ petitions, suggested that the Government should lay down the principles on which the selection be made so that the decisions of the Transport Authorities are not unreasonable, arbitrary *or* discriminatory. The Government have accordingly laid down the marking system, according to which, applicants for stage carriage permits should be screened and disqualified for (i) financial instability, (ii) unsatisfactory history sheets, (iii) trafficking in permits, (iv) want of workshop facilities, (v) not having main office or branch office to control the service, and (vi) making applications on behalf of others. After screening the applicants, marks are awarded for (i) sector qualification, (ii) business or technical experience in Motor Transport, and (iii) being a registered co-operative society or a registered public limited company or a registered private company. Applications so finalised are to be disposed of according to section 47 (1) of the Motor Vehicles Act.

(*b*) This system ensures the building up viable units and the selection of the best among the applicants for grant of permits.

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